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REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

On June 16, 2004, Applicants' counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner in which the references applied in the Office Action and enclosed therewith were discussed. It was agreed the Office did not supply an English language translation of the Suzuki reference, that one would be provided, and the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action would be reset. Applicants note, however, the translation which was provided is computer generated and is difficult to follow.

Claims 1-15 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1, 8 and 15 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Noonan et al. in view of Suzuki et al. Claims 5-7 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Noonan et al. in view of Suzuki et al. and in further view of Silverman. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections are hereby respectfully requested.

The claimed invention addresses the situation where a telephone call is placed from a browser equipped phone to another browser equipped phone while viewing a web page, the called screenphone does not answer, and the URL of the web page being viewed

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needs to be communicated to the called party for later viewing such that the URL need not be manually entered by the called party. (Specification, Page 2, lines 8-14; Page 3, line 9 to Page 4, line 2)

As best understood, Noonen et al. appears to be directed to browsing the Internet using a telephone having a key pad with keys for generating DTMF codes. As stated therein, the invention "relates generally to an internet browser, and more particularly, to a method and arrangement for browsing the internet using a telephone circuit having keys for generating DTMF codes." (Col. 1, lines 4-7) The gist of Noonan is to use "DTMF tones from the key pad 25 of the telephone to provide input to the GUI Web browser." (Col. 2, line 66 - Col. 3, line 1) Thus, a single telephone device "may be used to perform audio and video phone calls and to function as a web browser." (Col. 4, lines 55-56) These are, however, distinct modes. There is no teaching or suggestion the device of Noonan may function in more than one mode at any given time.

As best understood, Suzuki appears to be directed to the sending of alpha-numeric control codes in the Personal Handyphone System, which appears to utilize a ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network). As set forth in Paragraph 5, when "a called party was not able to answer according to a certain situation, the called party needed to set up the sound recording function (answering machine function) interlocked with automatic answering and it each time, and a calling party side was not able to control the end of a called party side edge to arbitration." Thus, as discussed in Paragraph 20, the use of the control codes appears to permit the calling party to send a control code which terminates the connection.

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As best understood, Silverman appears to be directed to a system wherein a message is recorded, a web page is created, and the recipient is notified of the web page where the message may be retrieved. However, the Examiner's characterization of Silverman as a URL function identification request is not understood. In the portion of Silverman cited by the Office, a message left by a caller is digitized and stored. In the vernacular, the message is recorded. Silverman does not provide a teaching or suggestion of the instant claims.

The instantly claimed invention requires specifically "an inputter which inputs a URL of a web page; a transmitter which transmits the URL inputted by said inputter in a form that can be distinguished from a voice message; **a receiver adapted to received URL and associated voice message transmitted from the outside** through an incoming telephone call; an answerer which records and reproduces the URL and associated voice message received by said receiver; and a decoder which converts into a character format and sends to said browser said URL reproduced by said answerer." (Claim 1; emphasis added) Similar language appears in the other independent claims. At a minimum, the applied references do not teach or suggest transmitting or receiving both a URL and an associated voice message.

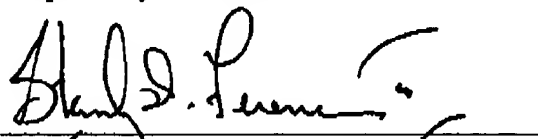
Moreover, combining the teachings of the Noonan, Suzuki, and Silverman references would not result in the instantly claimed invention. Combining these teachings would result in a telephone device which could be used to perform audio and video phone calls and function as a web browser; the DTMF tones from the telephone key pad would be used to provide input to the GUI Web browser. When used in audio call mode, the

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device would be capable of terminating the call in response to a control code, and if a voice message was left, the voice message would be placed on a website for retrieval and listening. Thus, following the teachings of Noonan, Suzuki, and Silverman would not result in the claimed invention in which while a voice message is played a browser window is opened to a page the caller wishes the recipient of the message to view. Noonan, Suzuki, and Silverman simply do not teach or disclose this, either alone or in combination.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 8, and 15 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus allowable. By virtue of dependence from Claims 1 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-7 and 9-14 are also allowable. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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